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Santa Barbara Convention 'Tops'

From the standpoint of location, it was the concensus of opinion of those who attended the 9th semi-annual convention at the Mar Monte Hotel in Santa Barbara, that it was the best we have thus far encountered. The weather was perfect. The hotel accommodations and service were of the very best. The food was outstanding in quality. The setting, located along the ocean front with a splendid beach on one side and mountains rising on the other, was beautiful; and last but not least, the facilities for the convention in the form of a large convention hall with all conveniences made it a perfect location.

Registration exceeded all expectations. With no local club to draw from, 146 members and visitors signed the register at the desk located in the large foyer at the entrance to the convention hall. R. G. McArthur was in charge of registration with Edward Fogler as registrar.

Exhibits, twenty-two in number (listed elsewhere) occupied the center of the hall, and for the first time there were no complaints about light. The wiring used at the Phoenix A.N.A. convention and purchased for our use functioned perfectly and the entire room was perfectly lighted. Inaugurating a new policy, displays were judged in seven classifications by the committee consisting of Erich Werling, Charles Kiser and Dr. N. A. Bowers, chairman. Ribbons for the exhibits chosen as best in each class were awarded by Dr. Bowers at the luncheon on Sunday.

Bourse tables occupied the wall space, completely surrounding the room. Seventeen dealers, all from California, had tables. They were: Harry Bouchard, San Diego; Bruno Crossfield, San Francisco; Ellwood Ellinger, Oakland; Eureka Coin Shop, San Francisco; Frank Hernandez, El Cajon; W. E. Johnson, Santa Barbara; E. D. Johnston, San Diego; Irving Knickerbocker, San Diego; Kenneth W. Lee, Glendale; Numismatic Gallery, Beverly Hills; Earl A. Parker, San Francisco; Charles N. Peters, Alameda; Dr. Ray O. Porter, San Luis Obispo; William Sexton, Santa Maria; Dr. Bruce L. Wallace, San Diego; Paul Wittlin, Carmel, and Leo Young, Lockeford.

The numismatic program on Friday evening consisted of a panel discussion ably conducted by Herbert M. Bergen of Fullerton. The questions relating to grading of coins and collector-dealer relations proved to be of particular interest, bringing many questions from the floor. With a short interlude of music, and with refreshments following, it was a very enjoyable evening.

The 1200-lot auction, divided into two sessions on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, tested the endurance and mettle of Ralph "Curly" Mitchell who came thru with flying colors, making his maiden effort as auctioneer at a major auction.

Ladies were entertained on Saturday afternoon at a canasta party held on the balcony overlooking the display room. Table prizes were won by Mrs. Ethel Yribarne, Long Beach; Mrs. Kenneth Allen, Alameda; Mrs. Irene Parker, San Francisco; and Mrs. Herbert Bergen, Fullerton. Mrs. L. C. Panosh was in charge.

The banquet on Saturday night found 132 sitting down to partake of a fried chicken dinner, presided over by Ralph Mitchell as emcee. The "keys to the city" were extended by our own member, Capt. J. J. O'Brien of the police department in the absence of the mayor. Door prizes, donated for a change by the officers instead of the dealers, were drawn by Judy Skillman, petite daughter of Fred Skillman. Enter-

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tainment was provided by "Maldo the Magician" who closed his performance with a very unusual paper-tearing stunt.

Many of those present stayed to take part in the dancing which followed and to see the floor show, both with the compliments of the hotel management. Some played canasta and bridge, while others wound up the evening in the "Gold Room".

The luncheon on Sunday found Kenny Lee acting as master of ceremonies for the 124 members and guests present. Music was provided by a string ensemble. Dr. Bowers presented ribbons for display awards. Door prizes were again drawn, and "Gentleman Jim" Kelly, of Akron, Ohio, who when he won a prize on Saturday had presented it to young Miss Skillman, repeated and again presented his prize to Miss Jean Devlin who did the drawing.

Board meeting on Saturday and general meeting on Sunday consisted largely of discussion of matters of policy, resulting in two important decisions. It was voted to close the bourse and display room for a time, not exceeding an hour, during the numismatic program at conventions. It was also moved and carried that the by-laws committee be instructed to prepare an amendment to provide for nomination and election of officers by mail ballot, the resolution to be published in Calcoin News and presented at the next spring meeting.

The invitation of the Redwood Empire Coin Club to hold the 1952 spring meeting in Santa Rosa was accepted at the Board meeting on Saturday. The exact date in April is to be set later.

Coin Facts . . .

The Isabella quarter of 1893 is the only commemorative quarter ever issued by the United States, and the Lafayette dollar is the only commemorative silver dollar ever issued.

The twenty-cent piece was never popular, but many believed that it should have been retained because it fitted in with our decimal coinage system better than the quarter.

The silver twenty-cent piece is the shortest-lived denomination ever issued by the United States.



Top picture: Charles Kiser, Santa Ana; Joe Steele, Santa Ana; James Kelly, Akron, Ohio; and Abe Kosoff, Beverly Hills, at bachelor's table at the banquet. Mr. Saab at the extreme right, now with Numismatic Gallery, was formerly with Hans Schulman of New York.

Second picture: Capt. J. J. O'Brien delivers the "keys to the city" in the absence of the mayor.

Third picture: Maldo the Magician demonstrates some fancy paper work.

Fourth picture: Mrs. Earl Parker, Mrs. Robert Patterson, and Mrs. Kenneth Lee take on their husbands at a canasta game.

CONVENTION EXHIBITORS AND THEIR DISPLAYS

HERBERT M. BERGEN, Fullerton: Uncirculated dimes and half dimes.

ROBERT and MILDRED CAHALL, Taft: Type collection of 20th Century foreign coins, designed to illustrate the great variety available at a low cost.

MICHAEL P. CAREY, Los Angeles: Roman Imperial bronzes, mostly sesterti, with a map of the Roman Empire.

DR. CALVERT L. EMMONS, Ontario: Gold dollars and three cent silver in proof.

VREELAND H. FRASER, La Canada: Commemorative half dollars; proof two cent and three cent; proof shield and liberty nickels; U.S. gold; $4.00 gold Stella.

RUDY GJUROVICH, San Jose: Paper money, including large bills, broken bank notes, fractional currency and Continental currency.

JOSEPH S. GRANT, Pasadena: U.S. dollars from 1794, including trade dollars; 1776 Continental "Fugio Dollar"; $4.00 gold Stella; Spanish dollars; coins of Hawaii and Canada.

ROY HILL, San Francisco: Coins and tokens of Greenland; Hawaiian coins and tokens; "wooden" money.

IRVING B. KNICKERBOCKER, San Diego: Chinese coins, many of unusual shape and size.

MRS. MATTIE KNICKERBOCKER, San Diego: Proof sets in plastic holders, beginning with 1858; commemorative gold.

ABE KOSOFF, Beverly Hills: Large paper money in uncut sheets.

DENNIS OLSWANG, San Francisco: Coins of Canada, including those of Newfoundland and other provincial issues.

MRS. ANNA M. PANOSH, San Diego: U.S. and foreign medals, orders and decorations including a Congressional Medal of Honor; Prince of Wales stickpin presented to Count Zeppelin by Edward VII.

DAVID L. REDFIELD, San Francisco: Coins of the United Nations, each coin being accompanied by the flag of the country.

ARNOLD ROSING, San Francisco: Coins of Canada, China, Afghanistan, Jamaica, Hong-Kong and other British colonies.

CHARLES L. RUBY: Presidential Medals.

BOYE SCHUMACHER: Coins of Canada, Mexico and Germany.

FRED SKILLMAN, Los Angeles: Commemorative half dollars; U.S. gold including California gold.

MILTON C. STRAUCH, San Francisco: Modern gold of many nations; crowns; Confederate States half-dollar re-strikes; U.S. types.

THOMAS TWOHEY, San Francisco: British coins from medieval times to the present, including Maundy money sets.

THOMAS W. WARD, Fallbrook: Historical coins of the early Roman Empire.

DR. RAY H. WILSON, San Diego: Silver and copper coins of colonial Mexico, 1536-1821; Spanish dollars cut and counterstamped for use in various countries; Hacienda tokens.

AWARDS

U.S. Coins: First, Vreeland Fraser; Second, Joseph S. Grant.

Foreign: First, David Redfield; Second, Dr. Ray H. Wilson.

Ancient: First, T. W. Ward; Second, Michael P. Carey.

Currency: First, Rudy Gjurovich.

Medals and Decorations: First, Mrs. L. C. Panosh; Second, Charles L. Ruby.

Junior: First, Thomas Twohey; Second, Dennis Olswang; Third, Arnold Rosing.

Dealer: First, Mrs. Mattie Knickerbocker.

PHOENIX COIN CLUB CONVENTION HOST

In years to come, those who attend ANA conventions can hardly fail to class the 1951 convention at Phoenix, Arizona, as one to be remembered. There have been bigger conventions. There have been hotter conventions. There have been conventions with more exhibits or more entertainment, and it is just barely possible that there has been a wetter convention.

But, in the memory of the oldest old-timer there has never been a more pleasant and breezily informal gathering of numismatists than that which assembled at the Westward Ho Hotel in Phoenix in August, 1951. The hearty western hospitality of General Chairman V. Leon Belt, Don Sherer, president of the Phoenix Coin Club, and all their assistants, who left absolutely nothing undone to make everyone feel at home, made it a convention never to be forgotten.

More than 50 CSNA members, many with their families, signed the register and took a prominent part in the activities of the convention, working on committees, making displays and taking part in the entertainment. More than half the awards for displays were carried away by CSNA members.

The series of parties and entertainment provided by the Phoenix Club began with a desert barbecue on Sunday (long to be remembered for its dampness) and continued each day, culminating with the banquet on Wednesday evening followed by square dancing.

Officers elected included Col. Joseph Moss of Philadelphia, president; Dr. J. Hewitt Judd of Omaha, first vice president; Col. James W. Curtis of Springfield, Illinois, second vice president; Lewis M. Reagan and Harold Klein re-elected as general secretary and treasurer, respectively; with Capt. O. H. Dodson, USN, C. H. Ryan, L. C. Panosh, John Morris and C. C. Shroyer, making up the board of governors.

The 1952 convention will be held in New York City and the 1953 meeting was awarded to Dallas, Texas.

The silver three cent piece has the distinction of being our only silver coin of poor quality, being only 750 fine.

CSNAers At Phoenix

Mike Carey—who appeared in person to receive his 50-year medal.

Dr. Curtis—who was the unofficial photographer of the convention.

Kenny Lee—who never missed a sale even if it meant losing his shirt.

Harold Klein—who hit both the jackpot and the bottom of the pool.

Joe Steele—who out westerned the westerners.

Abe Kosoff—who looked equally at home in the pool and on the dance floor.

Joe Moss—who got himself elected president, and,

Sol Kaplan—who got himself married.

Thelma Case—who graduated from the proxy to the election committee.

Charley Kappen—who had a last fling before reporting for duty at Camp Roberts.

Herb Bergen—whose Chinese dialect needed . . .

J. Howard Robinson—as interpreter.

Karl Brainard—who nearly hit a snag as chairman of the resolutions committee, and got help from—

Chris Petersen—who poured oil on the waters.

Lew Reagan—who took part in everything including a display and the forum.

Dick Yeoman—whose exhibit took the "best of the show" award.

San Diego Numismatic Society delegation—which carried away eight of the 24 awards for displays.

Los Angeles Area Clubs To Hold Banquet

Sponsored jointly by the Los Angeles Coin Club, Long Beach Coin Club, Bay Cities Coin Club, and Garden Grove Coin Club, collectors in the Los Angeles area will hold a banquet at the Carolina Pines Restaurant, 7315 Melrose Avenue, in Los Angeles on January 19, 1952, at 7:30 P.M.

The purpose of the meeting is to give all collectors in the area an opportunity to get together and become better acquainted. Reservations may be made with the president or secretary of any one of the four clubs. Joe Block is in charge of arrangements.

Who's Who In California Numismatics

CHARLES V. KAPPEN



Although most of his life has been spent in the field of journalism, Charles Vaughan Kappen began collecting coins during an interlude from his journalistic activity in 1937 while operating a food market in Ontario, Calif. Observing that the man who checked and serviced some vending machines in his store separated certain Lincoln cents from others, he inquired the reason and was told that some were scarce and more valuable than others. His interest aroused, he began to check the coins in his cash register and by the end of the year had completed three sets of Lincoln cents.

Thus began an interest in coins which has carried on to this day. Indian Head cents, Flying Eagles, Large Cents, Half Cents and Two-Cent pieces followed. While in London during World War II, he began collecting United States Colonials, followed by English Regal Copper and Bronze, on which he has become an authority. He wrote an article on the subject for the May, 1950, **Numismatist.** In the past year or so his interest has turned to coins of ancient Rome, particularly Roman Imperial silver, and he admits an interest in the coinage of ancient Greece.

"Ancients fascinate me because of their rich historical background," Kappen declares, and because of this interest he has started a collection of coins with historical interest and a Who's Who collection of portraits because as he states, "There is more study in that field."

Kappen was born in Eureka Springs, Ark., May 25, 1910, the son of William G. and Charlotte (Vaughan) Kappen. He was the second child and the oldest boy in a family of nine children. Four of his brothers live in Southern California, one in Norman, Okla., and his two sisters live in Berryville and Jonesboro, in Arkansas. His mother still lives at Eureka Springs; his father died in 1949.

He attended public schools in Eureka Springs, and was graduated from high school in 1928. He was a member of the track team, his events being the mile and two-mile run and the high jump; and his journalistic career began as editor of the high school newspaper and yearbook.

Continuing his studies at Fayetteville at the University of Arkansas, he received his B.A. degree in 1933. He attended Arkansas State Teachers College before finally completing his college work at the University of Wisconsin where he received his M.A., his major for both degrees being in journalism. Evidence of his versatility is shown in that while at the University of Arkansas he played saxophone in the Razorback band.

While at Fayetteville he met Miss Nora Wood to whom he was married Jan. 15, 1931. They have two chil-

dren, Patricia Ann, age 15, and Charles Gilbert, age 10.

With the exception of the interlude referred to, Kappen's whole life has been devoted to journalism. He has been variously, correspondent, reporter, sports editor, city editor and editor of Southwestern daily newspapers; publicity director for Crescent College at Eureka Springs and editor of Ozark Tourist magazine. In 1945 he was assistant professor of journalism at Shrivenham University in England; at University of Wisconsin in 1946-47; University of Tulsa in 1947-48 and at San Jose State College in California since 1948 where he taught various courses in journalism and was adviser for the college newspaper. He received his associate professorship June 1. He has been editor of Caleoin News in 1950-51.

His literary activities did not cease when he took part in World War II. Besides serving as commander of a tank destroyer gun company, he was instructor in tactics at Tank Destroyer School, Camp Hood, Tex.; battalion S-3; education officer at Lexington, Va., Washington, D.C., London, England, and Paris, France, as well as at the United States Armed Forces Institute, Madison, Wis., and Headquarters Fifthy Army, Chicago. During this time he wrote chapters for five army field and technical manuals and articles for the **Army Information Digest** magazine and "Armed Forces Talks."

Kappen is a member of Sigma Delta Chi and Pi Delta Epsilon, both journalism fraternities; Kappa Delta Pi, honorary education fraternity; American Association of University Professors and Association for Edu-

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From the Desk of the Secretary-Treasurer

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289 Stock, Robert Herman
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Total Membership as of April 30, 1951.....330
New Members Admitted 18

348
Resignations 7

Net Membership as of October 15, 1951.....341

Note: Of the total membership, 305 are fully paid up and in good standing; 36 are delinquent.

Coin Collecting as a Hobby

By LEONEL C. PANOSH, *San Diego*

It would not be far wrong to say that nearly everybody has, at some time or other, been a numismatist, which is the correct term for a coin collector. In fact, it is quite the usual thing when introduced as a coin collector to have the other person open the conversation with "I have some old coins which I have had for many years—" or some similar remark. There probably are few people who do not have tucked away a Columbian half dollar, a Civil War token, some fractional currency, or persaps a few foreign coins accidentally acquired at some time or other.



U.S. Half Cent, 1793. First issue.

There are many reasons why more people who thus acquire unusual coins do not become more actively interested in a hobby which is, if pursued, one of the most interesting and fascinating and educational of all hobbies. Foremost among these is probably the general belief that it is a difficult and technical hobby, with both the coins and information concerning them hard to find and not readily available to the beginning collector; and that it is a rich man's hobby, too expensive to be participated in by the individual in moderate circumstances.

It is true that up to about 50 years ago literature on the subject was limited and of a decidedly scholarly and technical nature; that the coins themselves were not generally available, and that even collectors of current money found that it required some research to find out much about the coins they had.

However, in the past half century the path of the beginning coin collector has been smoothed. Now anyone not only can acquire most coins of almost any series at a moderate cost, but can have many profusely illustrated books, catalogs and pamphlets, which are available in easily readable form on nearly every series of coins.

This is not to say that there are not still rare and high priced coins, and that the student of numismatics need never spend time and money in research if he reaches that point in the hobby; but is to point out that the hobby is so large in its coverage and so extensive in its range that anyone, rich or poor, young or old, can, if he chooses, find an interest in the collection and study of coins. It is to point out that while it is possible to pay $1000 or more for some rare coin 100 years old, it also is possible to buy one 2000 years old for 50 or 75 cents, and that there is just as much pleasure and knowledge to be had from the study of the latter.



Early American Pine Tree shilling.

Unlike most hobbies which are of comparatively recent origin, money, in some form or other, dates back almost to the beginning of man's history, and even metallic coins in the form in which we know them, date back as far as the seventh century B.C. Prior to that time many things served as a medium of exchange, which is the definition of money. Since that time, and in fact even in this day in some parts of the world, objects quite different from our form of money have been and are accepted and are in general use as media of exchange. Many collectors find this

type of collection sufficiently fascinating that they devote all their time and efforts to it alone.

Although the numismatist is interested primarily in acquiring coins of the series or type he wants, he can hardly acquire them without becoming at once interested in some of the many subjects so closely related to them. Possession of a coin of Alexander the Great cannot fail to bring a desire to know more of the part in history played by that great Greek general. A coin from Zanzibar will



lead to a check on the location of that island, and a coin from Guatemala depicting the quetzal bird must inevitably stimulate a desire for some information about such an unusual bird. A specimen of the earliest paper money known, from China, made from raw silk, should produce an interest in the part that that famous commodity played in the China of Marco Polo days.

History, geography, ornithology and industry. These are but a few of the many subjects depicted on coins, the study of which will open to the interested collector a vast storehouse of knowledge of the history of the world.

Is it any wonder then, that numismatics in the past 50 years has grown in popularity by leaps and bounds? There are more than 150 local clubs in the United States, and a national organization, the American Numismatic Association, with almost 10,000 members. There is much literature on the subject, and several magazines are devoted entirely to information about coins, coin clubs, articles on coins, and carry the names and addresses of reputable coin dealers located in almost every city of size in the United States as well as in foreign countries.

Coin collecting is a hobby for anyone. It need be no more expensive than desired. It can be both instructive and entertaining; and finally, for the numismatist who becomes truly interested, it will provide a lifetime of pleasure and recreation for idle moments.

MORE ON

CHARLES V. KAPPEN

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cation in Journalism. He is a member of the Methodist church. He is listed in **Who's Who in American Education** and in **Who's Who on the Pacific Coast.**

In numismatics he was president of the San Jose Coin Club in 1950-51 and has been a member of other local clubs. He has been a member of the American Numismatic Association since 1946. In the California State Numismatic Association he has been on the Board of Directors since 1949 in addition to being editor of **Calcoin News** for the past two years.

On Sept. 16 of this year he was recalled to the service and is now Major Charles V. Kappen, Infantry, on active duty with the Seventh Armored Division at Camp Roberts, Calif., as Public Information Officer.

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It has been a rare privilege to have been so closely associated with Charley Kappen for the past two years. His keen sense of humor has enabled him to overcome many difficulties in connection with the editing of this magazine. Its quality is a testimonial to the thoroughness and attention to detail which he devotes to whatever he does. He is a perfectionist. Even as a boy of 12 when he collected stamps he was a 'condition collector,' an attribute which he still follows in the field of numismatics. If there is any consolation to be had in his having been recalled to the service, it is the fact that in his absence we can print this biography, which his modesty would never have permitted to appear while he was editor.

L. C. Panosh,
Acting Editor.

California Club News, Views, and Whos

BAY CITIES COIN CLUB, Santa Monica — The Bay Cities Coin Club held its regular monthly meeting in Santa Monica on October 10, 1951. Speaker of the evening was Herb Bergen of the Orange County Coin Club who gave us an interesting and instructive talk on dimes, his talk being illustrated by a splendid exhibit.

Guests of the evening were Mr. Michael P. Carey of Los Angeles, 50-year-member of the ANA, who displayed a fine collection of Roman coins, and Mr. Vreeland Fraser of La Canada who exhibited his collection of U.S. coins which he had shown at the national convention in Phoenix.

—Harry S. Davidson.

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EAST BAY COIN CLUB. — The October meeting, held at the Jenny Lind Hall, was called to order by President A. W. Ritchie with 39 members and five guests present.

Following the reading of the minutes and treasurer's report, a nominating committee for 1952 officers was appointed by the president.

Mr. S. S. Hawley acted as program chairman and appointed Mr. Peters and Mr. Allen to judge the displays and award the $1.00 prize for the most interesting comments on the members' displays. Displays were exhibited by:

Earl Parker—Foreign and Ancient Gold and Nickel.

Bill Smith — Indian Lincoln Two-Cent Pieces and other uncirculated coins.

Clifford Bloom—Gold Coins and art of mintage from ancient times.

A. W. Ritchie — Ancient Chinese paper money.

Frank X. Galvin — Three-piece counterfeit dollar and three-dollar gold piece die.

Robert Illing — Folio on French Gold Coins.

Bruno Crossfield—1926 Nickel.

Arnold Rosing—Tin coins, etc.

Mr. Clifford Bloom was awarded the $1.00 for the most interesting comment on his display.

The meeting was then turned over to Mr. Frank Galvin who conducted the quiz match assisted by Mr. Earl Parker and Mr. A. W. Ritchie. The question which decided the winner was: "What coins were issued with letter edges?" First prize was won by Tom Twohey.

The regular auction conducted by Earl Parker concluded the meeting, followed by refreshments.

—Antoinette Connell,
Secretary.

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HANFORD COIN CLUB. — The September meeting was held at the home of the secretary, Mr. Fred Tinkham, who was also the speaker for the evening, his subject being United States Mints and Their Coins. Mr. Ed Fish made a very interesting report on the A.N.A. meeting at Phoenix.

Mr. C. V. Kappen of San Jose addressed the August meeting held at the home of Mr. Tinkham. Professor Kappen spoke on "Coins of Historical Interest" and made an elaborate display illustrating his talk. He also outlined the reasons why one should belong to the CSNA.

The October meeting was called to order by President Clarence Berry at the Hotel Whilton on Tuesday evening, October 2. There were 19 members present.

After a short business session, Fred Tinkham gave a very interesting talk on the Maria Theresa Thaler, "My Most Interesting Coin." This was followed by a short talk by our good friend, "Curly" Mitchell, who told us about some "odd and curious" money he had recently purchased, and some he thought he was going to purchase and didn't.

Mr. Craig Shaw conducted a short auction after which refreshments were served and the meeting closed.

—M. Forest Speck.

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LONG BEACH COIN CLUB. — Twenty-four members and three guests were present at the 15th meeting of the Long Beach Coin Club held on August 21 at 951 Locust Avenue. Mrs. Schuster of the Long Beach Convention Bureau suggested that the Long Beach Club ask the A.N.A. to hold their convention in this city at some time in the near future and presented a formal invitation from the Mayor of Long Beach to that effect. Chief Gerrit Wiers, USN, was appointed to make the in-

vitation at the forthcoming A.N.A. convention in Phoenix. Three new members were admitted.

—John C. Yribarne,
President.

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LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB. — Prof. Charles L. Ruby of Fullerton was the featured speaker at the 273rd meeting of the Los Angeles Coin Club held on October 6th. His fine talk on "Early U.S. Dollars" was illustrated by the most comprehensive display of its kind ever shown at our meetings.

Displayed were 114 different types prior to 1804 as well as other coins including several beautiful Gobrecht dollars.

The speaker pointed out that Jefferson was really the initiator of the decimal system for the United States, and was the real force behind the Act of 1792 which is the basis for our system of coinage.

Mr. Joe Block announced that plans for the joint banquet for all Los Angeles area clubs to be held at Carolina Pines Restaurant in the near future were progressing favorably.

Following the appointment of an election committee to nominate a slate of officers for the coming year, a very successful auction was held and the meeting closed.

Collectors are cordially invited to attend our meetings held on the first Friday of each month at Forrester's Hall, 1329 South Hope Street.

—William D. Koonce,
Secretary.

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ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB. — The 159th regular meeting of the Orange County Coin Club took place on August 22 in the Brea Woman's Clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was opened by President Rich with an attendance of 102 members and guests. Three new members were admitted to the club.

A beautiful fountain pen and pencil set was presented to Mrs. Emma Bingham for her long service in charge of auction records.

The secretary gave a report on the coin exhibit placed by the club at the Orange County Fair which was held August 15 to 19. He stated that 2,324 persons signed the guest register at the display room. This exhibit was of great interest to many people who are not numismatists or collectors but who are nevertheless interested in the story of coins and other media of exchange. It was the concensus of opinion of those who saw the exhibit that it served as a means of furthering education in numismatics.

The club was most fortunate to have as the program speaker, Mr. Ralph Mitchell of Palo Alto, California, who is recognized as a leading authority in the field of odd and curious money. His subject for the evening was "Numismatic Sidelines and Why."

The speaker prefixed his talk by pointing out that most coin collectors specialize in certain branches of numismatics but that almost all collectors depart from their specialties from time to time to engage in collecting something which he termed a sideline. The sideline usually represents some numismatic coin or object in a different field which is fascinating and interesting because it provides a diversion from that which is usual. In his own case, he explained, he has made these sidelines his main line, and for this reason, he has become a specialist in the collection of odd and curious money items. The speaker had before him a display of various specimens which he identified and explained to the audience. These specimens included tribal feather money from islands in the South Pacific, coin glass made for the Chicago Worlds Fair and now a collector's rarity, medals which by necessity were used as money, Japanese tree money, United States metal store cards, Bryan Dollars, dogtooth money from the Island of Papua, emergency money of the United States and similar 'Notgeld' of Germany, and Wampum, used by American Indians for barter and trade.

In his forceful and enthusiastic presentation of his subject, Mr. Mitchell demonstrated to everyone in the audience that he was having a lot of fun and gaining tremendous satisfaction from his hobby of collecting sidelines in numismatics. He closed his remarks with this observation, "A collector should be judged not by what his coins are worth but by what he knows about the coins he has." Needless to say, this program received a hearty applause from the audience.

Following the program, a short intermission was declared for re-

freshments and then the meeting was called to order for the auction in which only proof and uncirculated coins were offered by members. This sale was conducted by Mr. Ralph Mitchell, the guest speaker, who proved to be not only a very fine program speaker but also a first-class auctioneer.

—H. M. Bergen,
Secretary.

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ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB.—The 160th regular meeting of the Orange County Coin Club was held on Wednesday evening, September 26, at the Brea Woman's Clubhouse with President Rich presiding over an attendance of 64 members and guests.

Mr. Martin W. Gould, Safety Engineer for Union Oil Company of California at the Brea Research Center, was admitted as a new member of the club. Mr. Gould is a collector of long standing having been Secretary-Treasurer of the Tulsa, Oklahoma Coin Club before moving to California.

The President called upon various members of the club who attended the A.N.A. Convention at Phoenix last month to give a report of convention activities. Dr. Curtis, Joe Steele, Charles Ruby, and Herb Bergen responded with a glowing account of a fine convention and a good time had by all. Special compliments were paid to the members of the Phoenix Coin Club for the splendid manner in which the convention proceedings and accommodations for guests were handled.

Program Chairman Dr. C. Glenn Curtis introduced Herb Bergen as the speaker for the evening. The subject of his talk was "Overdates." As a foreword to the discussion of this subject, the speaker noted that overdates are one of the most interesting and fascinating specialties in United States coins. To form a collection of these coins requires the acquisition of less than 100 specimens. On the face of it, this would seem relatively simple but the actual accomplishment will test a collector's time and pocketbook to a much greater extent than expected. This series of coins contains a number of rarities which are offered for sale very infrequently by those who possess them. Furthermore, to form a good collection of overdates, the coins must be in especially well-preserved condition so that the overdate is plain and without question.

The speaker also pointed out that the subject of overdates is one on which a collector can spend a great deal of time in study and research in order to classify the various varieties of overdates depending upon the conditions under which they were issued. He listed 12 different classifications wherein different conditions for issuance of overdates prevailed. He explained that there are few subjects in which there are more contradictions and exceptions to a rule. In the early years of American coinage, it could be said that overdates were issued as a matter of economy. In later years, however, this rule cannot be applied with any degree of logic, a better explanation being that overdates were more or less accidental and haphazard. Pointing to a chart which the speaker prepared, it was shown that five-sixths of all overdate coins were issued prior to 1830. They were issued only infrequently since that time, but the practice has continued up until very recently when the 1942 over 41 dime was struck.

Following his talk, the speaker showed an interesting series of photographic slides on which overdates were greatly magnified in order to show them more clearly. Credit for preparing these splendid photographs was given to Dr. Curtis.

Following the program, refreshments were served and then veteran auctioneer, Joe Steele, presided over an auction of coins submitted by members.

—John Haldiman,
Acting Secretary.

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REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB, Santa Rosa.—The club held its 28th meeting at Grace Bros. Tap Room on Tuesday evening, September 18, with 20 members and four guests present. Earl Parker presided in the absence of President Bob Anderson. We were surprised and pleased to have as visitors Mr. and Mrs. R. G. McArthur, Erich Werling and Edward Tyler, all of Oakland. McArthur is secretary-treasurer of the C.S.N.A. Our new member, Frank X. Galvin, is credited with bringing them.

Members expressed themselves as being in favor of bidding for the C.S.N.A. convention to be held next April.

Earl Parker and Edward Fogler spoke of the ANA Convention at Phoenix and were high in their praise of the way the convention was handled. The hospitality shown and the entertainment were beyond anything experienced at any other convention they had ever attended. Earl spoke of his side trip that ended up in a storm, taking refuge in a leaky shed and having rain-soaked bread and frijoles for dinner.

Ralph Mitchell conducted the auction which closed the meeting.

—Guy L. Chapman.

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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB.—The 38th meeting was held with the Orange County Club meeting on August 22 to take advantage of the auction and talk by Mr. Ralph Mitchell, who made a splendid address entitled "Numismatic Sidelines," and displayed many of the odd and curious media of exchange from his collection. The auction of uncirculated, proof and gold coins was as good as anticipated and well worth the trip.

The San Bernardino County Coin Club held its annual banquet at the Ontario YMCA, the evening of September 20, 1951. There were 37 in attendance.

A coin knowledge display of coins with odd writing was shown with members asked to identify coins of Arabic, Chinese, Japanese and other odd forms of writing. John Lenker proved to be the winner with the most correct answers. This was a difficult contest that the average coin collector would hestitate to even enter.

The scheduled speaker of the evening, Bryan Burke, was unable to attend, being hospitalized. His talk, however, was delivered by Fred Coops. The subject was: "Man and His Money." It was pointed out that the history of money cannot be told without telling the history of man and the history of man is the history of money. The history of man was traced from the barter system through the coins of the Byzantine Empire — with coins to illustrate the empires and the changes in money.

Music was provided by George Riggen and his "Riggenetts," a group of talented children playing "Ukes."

John Lenker served as toastmaster and Dr. C. L. Emmons was in charge of dinner arrangements.

Displays:

Dr. C. L. Emmons, U.S. Coins and medals.

Fred Smith, U.S. Gold.

Fred Draper, U.S. Fractional Foreign Crowns.

Howard Smith, U.S. Fractional Currency in Shield.

Lloyd Blue, U.S. Currency.

Bryan Burke, Ancient Coins.

—Bryan Burke, Secretary.

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SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY. — The 173rd meeting of the San Diego Numismatic Society held on September 10 because of Labor Day, was called to order by Vice-President James Crouthamel with 35 members and visitors present. Report on the A.N.A. convention was made by Dr. Wilson, Mr. Ward, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Bouchard and Mr. and Mrs. Panosh, all of whom spoke in glowing terms of the pleasure they had at Phoenix in spite of the unseasonal rainfall. Mr. Crouthamel expressed the pride of the club in the achievements of the San Diego delegation which took eight of the twenty-four awards for displays; Dr. Wilson, Mr. Ward and Mrs. Panosh receiving blue ribbons for their displays in the foreign, ancient and medals and decorations classifications respectively. Speaker for the evening was Mrs. L. C. Panosh who made a talk on her collection of foreign decorations which took the first award at Phoenix. The meeting closed with refreshments served by Mrs. Knickerbocker and her committee.

The 174th meeting of the San Diego Numismatic Society, held at Dartlee Hall on Monday, October 1, was called to order by Dr. Ray Wilson in the absence of the president and vice-president. Dr. Wilson called on Mr. Panosh, a past president, to preside. The evening was devoted largely to discussion of the coming California State convention to be held at Santa Barbara in November. The program for the evening consisted of a very interesting and humorous account by Dr. Bruce L. Wallace of the trip just completed by himself and Mrs. Wallace and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Chamberlain. The trip included the Redwood Highway, Crater Lake, Lake Louise, and Banff in Canada, Glacier National Park and home by way of Reno. Dr. Wallace illustrated his talk with moving pic-

tures taken on the trip. Refreshments were served following the closing.

—Eugene D. Johnson.

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SAN JOSE COIN CLUB. — The September meeting of the San Jose Coin Club was held in the Hotel De Anza Tuesday, Sept. 4, at whieh time final arrangements were eompleted for the elub's exihibit at the Santa Clara County Fair.

After the business of the evening had been taken eare of, Prof. Chas. V. Kappen, president of the elub who is a reserve offieer in Unele Sam's Army tendered his resignation effeetive at once as the eall for duty had already been reeeived.

The elub regretfully accepted the resignation and gave a standing vote of appreeiation to him for a splendid and very sueeessful administration, wishing him every suceess in his army eareer.

Mr. Kappen will take up his duties as a Major at Camp Roberts and the well wishes of his many friends will ever be with him while he is in the service of his country.

The vice-president, Mr. Cliff Anderson, then took over and ealled on the delegates to the A.N.A. convention at Phoenix for reports. Edward Fogler, Chas. V. Kappen and William Smith responded with very interesting and somewhat exeiting experiences with rain. They said the entertainment was of the best and over all the convention was handled in the finest of fashion ehiefly due to the extremely well laid plans of the Phoenix Coin Club. In all, a very fine time was had by all.

There were twenty-five present with three out-of-state visitors. Mr. Kenneth Hallenbeek, president of the Ann Arbor, Mieh., Coin Club, responded with a short talk and greetings from Ann Arbor. Mr. C. O. Koeh of Seattle, and Mrs. Jane H. Rauen and her son Jim from the Chieago Coin Club joined the San Jose Club as new members.

The meeting elosed with a very suecessful auetion held by Mr. Fogler as auetioneer handling twenty-five widely varied lots.

The first fall meeting of the San Jose Coin Club was held Monday evening, October 1, at the Hotel De Anza with a lively and enthusiastic attendanee of thirty-five members and visitors.

Mrs. Jane H. Rauen and son James J., formerly of the Chieago Coin Club, were the principal speakers, telling how they became eollectors and their experiences while members of that elub. James was the first junior member of the elub and reeeived mueh acelaim for an article whieh he wrote on "Coin Colleeting" which appeared in August of 1950 in the Boy Scout magazine, Boy's Life, part of whieh was read to our elub by Mrs. Rauen in her talk.

Mr. George F. Hodges reported on the annual display put on by the club at the Santa Clara County Fair whieh was attended by more than 200,000 persons, most of whom saw the exhibit and were attraeted by the wide range of gold, silver, bronze and paper money of both foreign and domestie issues, with about 60 indieating a desire to join or attend the elub meetings by signing a register for that purpose.

Out-of-town visitors at the meeting were Commander and Mrs. H. F. Bowker of Oakland. Commander Bowker is editor of the Paeifie Coast Numismatie Society Bulletin and responded with a short talk on his eollecting interest in Chinese money of which there is no end in the long history and existenee of the Chinese people, running into some 20,000 different types and kinds.

A eommittee was appointed to look into the matter of a Christmas party for the club with a view toward the members, their wives or husbands, and friends becoming better aequainted and broadening the soeial side of the elub thereby.

Mr. Paul H. Wittlin displayed some of the material to be sold in the auetion at the eoming California State Numismatie Convention in November, and raised the observation of a drop in membership in the A.N.A. whieh led to the appointment of Mr. Wittlin, George F. Hodges and Ralph Mitchell to look into the matter and report their findings next meeting.

The meeting elosed with an auetion very ably eonducted by our auetioneer, Mr. Earl Parker.

—George F. Hodges.

The motto, E Pluribus Unum (one out of many), whieh is found on coins of the United States, has been used on our regular coins with few exeeptions since 1795. The other motto, In God We Trust, was first used in 1864.

Santa Barbara Convention Facts, Figures

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

RECEIPTS:		
Registration		$ 789,50
Bourse		195.00
Drawing		21.00
Auction (one coin)		10.00
Exhibit Cases		22.00
Total Recepits		$1037.50
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Hotel (Banquet and Luncheon)	$528.75	
Entertainment	95.60	
Police Protection	73.50	
Ribbons and Badges	52.19	
Transportation of Cases	20.00	
Card Party	7.90	
Prizes for Drawing	10.00	
Printing	14.46	
Miscellaneous	14.81	817.21
PROFIT TO THE ASSOCIATION		$ 220.29

REGISTRATION

Members	78
Visitors	68
Total Registration	146

REGISTRATION BY CITIES

Los Angeles	21
San Francisco	19
San Diego	18
Oakland	10
Fullerton	5
Santa Barbara	5
Alameda	4
Burbank	4
San Jose	4
Santa Ana	4
Inglewood	3
Monterey	3
Pasadena	3
15 with two each	30
10 with one each	10
Out of state	3
Total registration	146

FACTS ABOUT UNITED STATES MONEY

In the early days of our nation, before United States money was issued, there were in circulation English shillings, French louisdors, and Spanish doubloons, with other units of the money of those nations. This caused confusion and slowed up trade. The dollar was adopted by the Congress existing under the Articles of Confederation in 1785 as the unit of our money, and the decimal system as the method of reckoning. In 1792 the United States monetary system was established, and the United States Mint began coining money at Philadelphia in 1793.

Paper currency was used by our people even before the Declaration of Independence was signed. It was called Continental currency. Its value became so small that "Not worth a Continental" was a common saying. Paper money also was used after the adoption of the Constitution in 1789. It was not Federal currency, but bank notes.

First coins of the United States were authorized in the Act of April 2, 1792, which provided for the establishment of the Mint and the issuance of the following coins:

GOLD: Eagles (each of the value of ten units or dollars), half eagles, quarter eagles;

SILVER: Dollars, half dollars, quarter dollars and half dimes;

COPPER: Cents and half cents.

—The Circulated Proof
East Bay Coin Club

According to government records of June, 1947, there is still $1,968,-322.47 of fractional currency unredeemed.

State Club Meeting Dates and Places

Bay Cities Coin Club	Second Thursday at Santa Monica Swimming Pool, Santa Monica City College grounds.
Capital City Coin Club	Second Friday at David Lubin School, Sacramento. 7:30 p.m.
Classical Collectors Group	Third Friday at Felipe de Neve Branch Library, 2820 W. Sixth St., Los Angeles.
East Bay Coin Club	Second Friday at Jenny Lind Hall, 2229 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. 8 p.m.
Garden Grove Coin Club	First Thursday in Chamber of Commerce Office, Garden Grove.
Hanford Coin Club	First Tuesday at 1117 N. Irwin St., Hanford. 7:45 p.m.
Long Beach Coin Club	Third Tuesday at 951 Locust Ave., Long Beach. 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles Coin Club	First Friday at 1329 S. Hope St., Los Angeles.
Orange County Coin Club	Fourth Wednesday at Woman's Club House, 336 S. Pomona Ave., Brea.
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society	Last Wednesday at Palace Hotel, Market and New Montgomery Sts., San Francisco. 8 p.m.
Pasadena Coin Club	Third Wednesday in the Social Hall of Pasadena City College.
Redwood Empire Coin Club	Third Tuesday in Tap Room, Grace Brothers Brewery, Second St., Santa Rosa. 8 p.m.
San Bernardino County Coin Club	Third Thursday in Chamber of Commerce Office, 533 "E" St., San Bernardino. 7:30 p.m.
San Diego Numismatic Society	First Monday at Dartlee Hall, 3680 Sixth Ave., 8 p.m.
San Jose Coin Club	First Monday at Hotel DeAnza, 233 W. Santa Clara St., San Jose. 8 p.m.